

Section 2 Notetaking Study Guide

Question to Think About As you read Section 2 in your textbook and take notes, keep this section focus question in mind: **How were the early years of the war a critical time?**

► Use these charts to record key information from the section.

Important Battles and Places			
Where	When	What Happened	Why Important
New York State		<u>American forces had to keep retreating .</u>	
Trenton			
Saratoga			
Valley Forge	<u>Winter of 1777–1778</u>		<u>The army gathered its strength for the coming battles .</u>
Important People			
Who	What They Did and Why It Was Important		
Sir William Howe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • _____ • <u>led British during the worst days of the war for the Patriots</u> 		
Nathan Hale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • _____ • <u>showed the highest level of commitment to freedom</u> 		
Thomas Paine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • _____ • _____ 		
George Washington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • _____ • <u>great military leader and an inspiring hero</u> 		
John Burgoyne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>British general who planned to cut off New England</u> • _____ 		
Horatio Gates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • _____ • _____ 		
Marquis de Lafayette	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • _____ • <u>helped Washington win key battles</u> 		
Thaddeus Kosciusko	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • _____ 		
Casimir Pulaski	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • _____ 		
Baron von Steuben	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>helped train the Continental army</u> • _____ 		

Refer to this page to answer the Chapter 6 Focus Question on page 91.